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Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has received the following nomination for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:[1]

From the Government of Egypt: Mahmoud Samir **Ahmed**

Biographical information on the candidate is provided below.

Mahmoud Samir Ahmed (Egypt)[2]

Date of birth: 1926

BA, MA, PhD, International Affairs, Cairo University and Columbia and Harvard Universities

Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, 1965-1966

Professional career

Diplomatic Corps since 1948. Diplomatic postings at Ankara, Washington, D.C.; Tunis; Bogotá; Mexico City; New York, as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations; Geneva, as Adviser to the delegation of Egypt to the Conference on Disarmament; London, as Minister at the Embassy of Egypt, 1968-1973. Ambassador, Lima (Peru) in 1973; Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, 1975; Ambassador to Italy, 1976-1979; Under-Secretary of State at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo, 1979-1982; Ambassador to Ethiopia and

[1] See E/2002/L.1/Add.10 for information on other candidates nominated by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

[2] Current member of the Committee.

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Permanent Representative to the Organization of African Unity; Ambassador to Australia and Fiji. Retired in 1986 at the mandatory age of 60

Publications

(In English): *The Non-Aligned and the Test Ban Treaty*, published by the Carnegie Endowment for Peace, New York, 1965; *Nasser's Arab Socialism: Its Place in International Ideologies* (London, 1971); *Egypt and Africa on the Road to Cooperation* (1982)

(In Arabic): *Diplomacy, Theory and Practice* (Cairo, 1987); *Future Water-induced Conflicts in the Middle East* (1991); *The World through Diplomatic Eyes* (1996)

United Nations experience

Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Egypt to the United Nations, New York, 1964-1969

Adviser to the Egyptian delegation to the Conference on Disarmament, Geneva, 1963-1964

Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations, New York, 1975-1976

Ambassador to Italy and Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, 1976-1979

Under-Secretary of State in charge of International Organizations, 1979-1981, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cairo

Ambassador to Addis Ababa and Egypt, Permanent Representative to the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 1982-1984

Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 1995